



Lynchburg Police Department

Press Release



August 19, 2015

On August 19, 2015, the Lynchburg Police Department, with assistance from the Virginia State Police and the Amherst County Sheriff's Office executed five search warrants at four separate locations in the City of Lynchburg and one location in Amherst County. These search warrants and the arrests listed below are related to the gang-related shootings previously discussed during the 8/18 press conference.

Stephen Lamont Spinner – 37 years of age, of Madison Heights.

- Criminal Street Gang Participation
- 2 counts of Recruitment of Persons for a Criminal Street Gang

Eric Lamont Payne – 31 years of age, of Lynchburg

- 2 counts of Attempted Malicious Wounding
- 2 counts of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
(These charges stem from a shooting incident that took place in the 1100 block of Wise St. on 8/12/15.)
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Christopher Michael Thomas – 23 years of age, of Lynchburg

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Photos Attached – All three individuals were held without bond.

During the execution of the search warrants listed above, the following items were seized:

- 5 Firearms
 - \$109,955 in cash
- (These items were seized from the same location)
- A significant amount of gang-related paraphernalia from several locations

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact **Detective D. W. Clarke** at (434) 455-6174 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-798-5900. Visit the Central Virginia Crime Stoppers website at www.cvcristoppers.org to enter a web tip, or text "CVCS" plus your message to 274637.

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